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(For Fiscal Year July 1989 through June 1990)

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS - STATISTICAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1990 - 50% Of The Year

December 1989

CATEGORY	AVAILABLE FOR YEAR	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	DISBURSED FUNDS AS PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
AFDC	$ 12,677,500	$ 6,441,088	$ 6,236,412	50.8%
General Assistance	1,545,000	775,983	769,017	50.2%
Emergency Assistance	217,000	97,650	119,350	45.0%
SSI Supplementation	911,300	420,694	490,606	46.2%
TOTAL	$ 15,350,800	$ 7,735,415	$ 7,615,385	50.4%

Source: Statement of Appropriations and Account Balances

RAMAC: FY - 1990

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	July 1989	August	September	October
AFDC REGULAR:				
Payments	$2,053,761	$2,100,661	$2,233,216	$2,252,541
Cases	7,305	7,535	7,635	7,822
Children	12,878	13,406	13,499	13,909
Recipients	18,796	19,488	19,629	20,293
AFDC-UP:				
Payments	$10,815	$11,796	$13,305	$12,250
Cases	38	46	45	38
Children	81	96	97	86
Recipients	144	174	173	147
TOTAL AFDC:				
Payments	$2,064,576	$2,112,457	$2,246,521	$2,264,791
Cases	7,343	7,581	7,680	7,860
Children	12,959	13,502	13,596	13,995
Recipients	18,940	19,662	19,802	20,440
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$122,509	$123,606	$127,355	$131,495
Cases	1,019	1,041	1,057	1,104
Children	430	438	556	444
Recipients	1,212	1,235	1,262	1,281
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:				
Payments	$21,683	$37,712	$32,651	$37,646
Cases	152	254	224	253
FOOD STAMPS:				
Payments	$1,522,688	$1,547,907	$1,576,064	$1,901,307
Cases	10,904	11,217	11,208	11,204
Recipients	29,441	30,286	30,262	30,251
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:				
Payments	$58,834	$59,412	$58,688	$58,553
Cases-Recipients	483	488	484	481
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:				
Payments	$1,572,039	$1,566,992	$1,575,071	$1,582,279
Cases-Recipients	7,441	7,441	7,455	7,509
TOTAL SSI:				
Payments	$1,630,873	$1,626,404	$1,633,759	$1,640,832
Cases-Recipients	7,543	7,544	7,559	7,611

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	November	December
AFDC REGULAR:		
Payments	$2,314,831	$2,325,424
Cases	7,913	7,996
Children	13,983	14,099
Recipients	20,341	20,546
AFDC-U:		
Payments	$14,237	$13,979
Cases	57	45
Children	90	97
Recipients	167	174
TOTAL AFDC:		
Payments	$2,329,068	$2,339,403
Cases	7,970	8,041
Children	14,073	14,196
Recipients	20,508	20,720
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:		
Payments	$134,674	$141,512
Cases	1,134	1,178
Children	438	457
Recipients	1,285	1,349
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:		
Payments	$34,678	$44,825
Cases	232	292
FOOD STAMPS:		
Payments	$1,938,383	$2,033,284
Cases	11,500	11,889
Recipients	31,049	32,101
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:		
Payments	$58,728	$58,662
Cases-Recipients	483	479
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:		
Payments	$1,578,398	$1,580,459
Cases-Recipients	7,469	7,460
TOTAL SSI:		
Payments	$1,637,126	$1,639,121
Cases-Recipients	7,573	7,565

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	December 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	December 1988 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$13,280,434	$12,176,190	9.1%
Cases	7,701	7,394	4.2%
Payments/Case	$287.42	$274.45	4.7%
Children	13,629	12,999	4.8%
Recipients	19,849	18,988	4.5%
Payments/Recipient	$111.51	$106.88	4.3%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$76,382	$66,359	15.1%
Cases	45	38	18.4%
Payments/Case	$283.95	$293.62	-3.3%
Children	91	81	12.3%
Recipients	163	144	13.2%
Payments/Recipient	$78.02	$77.07	1.2%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$13,356,816	$12,242,549	9.1%
Cases	7,746	7,432	4.2%
Payments/Case	$287.40	$274.55	4.7%
Children	13,720	13,080	4.9%
Recipients	20,012	19,131	4.6%
Payments/Recipient	$111.24	$106.66	4.3%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$781,151	$790,049	-1.1%
Cases	1,089	1,080	0.8%
Payments/Case	$119.57	$121.98	-2.0%
Children	461	469	-1.7%
Recipients	1,271	1,292	-1.6%
Payments/Recipient	$102.46	$101.93	0.5%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	December 1989 Fiscal Year to Date	December 1988 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$209,195	$165,057	26.7%
Cases	235	190	23.7%
Payments/Case	$148.68	$145.04	2.5%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$10,519,633	$8,921,920	17.9%
Cases	11,320	10,738	5.4%
Payments/Case	$154.88	$138.48	11.8%
Recipients	30,565	28,994	5.4%
Payments/Recipient	$57.36	$51.29	11.8%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$352,876	$369,683	-4.5%
Cases-Recipients	483	508	-4.9%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$121.77	$121.37	0.3%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY			
Payments	$9,455,238	$9,188,296	2.9%
Cases-Recipients	7,463	7,527	-0.9%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$211.17	$203.46	3.8%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	**$9,808,114**	**$9,557,979**	**2.6%**
Cases-Recipients	**7,566**	**7,634**	**-0.9%**
Payments/Case-Recipient	**$216.06**	**$208.66**	**3.5%**

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

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		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	7,996	5,309	1,391	1,296
	Recipients	20,546	13,490	3,703	3,353
AFDC-UP:	Cases	45	33	6	6
	Recipients	174	122	25	27
Total AFDC:	Cases	8,041	5,342	1,397	1,302
	Recipients	20,720	13,612	3,728	3,380
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General Assistance:	Cases	1,178	867	153	158
	Recipients	1,349	974	171	204
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	292	170	47	75
Food Stamps:	Cases	11,889	6,991	2,532	2,366
	Recipients	32,101	18,874	6,838	6,389
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	479	244	68	167
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,460	3,973	1,605	1,882
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,565	4,029	1,621	1,915

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

VIA: Linda Barnett LPB

FROM: Paula Jones

DATE: March 30, 1990

RE: Highlights of Statistical Report on Public Assistance Grants Programs: July - December 1989.

TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

For the second year in a row, total public assistance expenditures increased during the first half of SFY'90 as compared to the previous year. Over $34.7 million in benefits, including Federal and State funding, was paid to Delaware public assistance recipients during the first six months of SFY'90. This represents a 9.5% increase (roughly $3 million) from the same period in SFY'89.

State government spending, which is associated with all programs except the Food Stamp program, increased at a lower rate: 8.3%. This increase is largely attributable to an increase in State expenditures for the AFDC program. State spending in this reporting period amounted to 50% of the annual State appropriation for the four State-funded public assistance programs.

AFDC PROGRAM

In the first half of SFY'90, there was a reversal of a downward trend in AFDC participation evident from SFY'86 through SFY'89. Specifically, the average monthly AFDC caseload increased 4.2% during this period, reaching a level of 7,746 cases. This caseload increase was accompanied by a 4.6% increase in the average monthly number of recipients, which brought the recipient count up to 20,012. Figure 1 illustrates this upswing in AFDC participation.

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At the same time, a 4.7% increase in the average monthly payment per case occurred (along with a 4.3% increase in the average monthly payment per recipient). This increase in payments is explained by a 4% increase in the AFDC standard of need in October 1988 and another 7% increase in October 1989, with the latter being applicable to one and two-person households only.

The total AFDC expenditures for this reporting period - roughly $13.4 million - reflect a 9.1% increase over spending for the same period in SFY'89. While AFDC expenditures for this reporting period first exhibited an increase in SFY'89, this current increase is much more significant than that exhibited in SFY'89 (1.7%). Further, as illustrated in Figure 2, AFDC spending has not been as high as this current level in the previous four fiscal years.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Reductions in General Assistance participation appear to be leveling off. That is, there was a .8% increase in the General Assistance caseload between the first six months of SFY'89 and SFY'90. In addition, the average monthly number of GA recipients decreased by a negligible amount: 1.6%. These changes contrast with reductions occurring over the first six months in SFY'86-89, particularly the earlier reductions. Reductions affecting caseloads in those years ranged from 21.1% in SFY'87 TO 1.4% in SFY'89, while reductions in recipient counts ranged from 24.1% in SFY'87 to 5.2% in SFY'89. These trends are illustrated in Figure 3.

During this reporting period, there was also a 2% reduction in the average payment per case ($119.57). This is related to a 2.4% drop in the average number of members in a case.

General Assistance expenditures for the first half of SFY'90 totaled $781,151. This represents a 1.1% decrease ($8,898) in comparison with spending for the same period in SFY'89. However, these savings are less significant than those occurring in SFY'89 and prior years, as shown in Figure 4.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Emergency Assistance expenditures increased 26.7% in this reporting period after declining 24.2% from SFY'88 to SFY'89 (See Figure 5). This increase reflects a 23.7% increase in the Emergency Assistance caseload and a 2.5% increase in payments per case.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The Food Stamp program exhibited increases in case and recipient counts for the second year in a row. During the first half of SFY'90, both the average monthly number of cases (11,320) and the average monthly number of recipients (30,565) increased 5.4% - a slightly higher rate than exhibited this time last year. Food Stamp participation statistics for SFY'86 through SFY'90 are presented in Figure 7.

In addition, the average cost per Food Stamp household increased 11.8%, from $138.48 to $154.88, during this period. This increase appears to reflect changes in the financial circumstances of Food Stamp households rather than any new policies on benefit levels or other issues.

The growth in participation in combination with greater per case payments resulted in a 17.9% increase in Food Stamp expenditures in this reporting period. (See Figure 8.) As a result, Food Stamp expenditures for July-December 1989 ($10.5 million) have nearly climbed back to SFY'85 expenditure levels.

SSI EXPENDITURES

Total SSI spending continued to increase during the first half of SFY'90. Total SSI expenditures of $9.8 million represent a 2.6% increase over spending in the same period in SFY'89. This growth in expenditures resulted from a 3.5% increase in the average payment per recipient, that was offset by a .9 % decrease in average monthly number of recipients.

SSI Federal cases, cases receiving part or all of their benefits from Federal sources, constitute the major component of the SSI program and exhibited similar changes to those mentioned above. The average number of recipients decreased .9%, while average payment per recipient rose 3.8% (reflecting a 4.% increase in the Federal Benefit Rate as of January 1989). As a result, total expenditures increased 2.9%.

The changes in the SSI State Supplementation program caseload were more significant than the changes in the SSI Federal component. Specifically, there was a 4.9% decrease in the average monthly number of recipients in this program (483 persons in this period). (See Figure 10)

On the other hand, the average monthly State payment per recipient remained nearly constant.

As a result, SSI State Supplementation payments ($352,876) decreased 4.5% from the same period in SFY'89. This represents the first decrease in spending since SFY'86 (Figure 9).

Figure 1

AFDC Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1986-1990

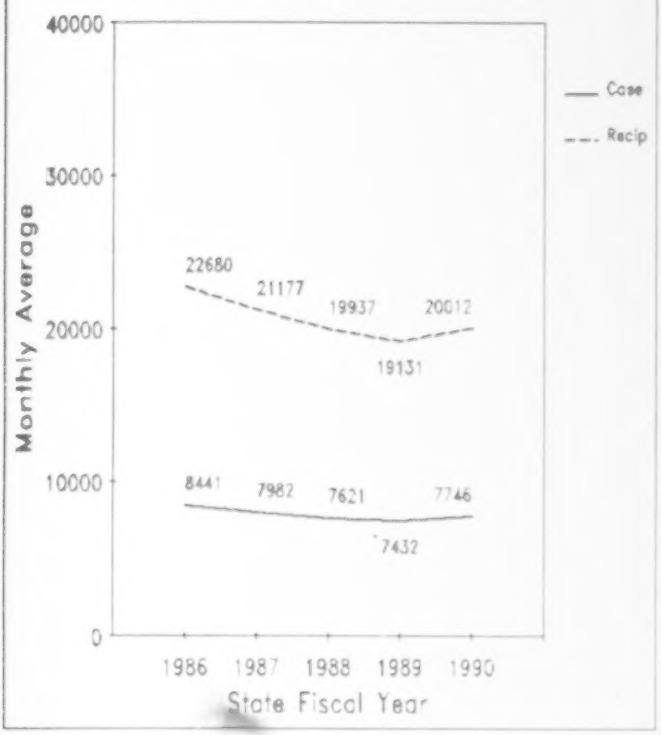

Figure 2

AFDC Expenditures

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1986-1990

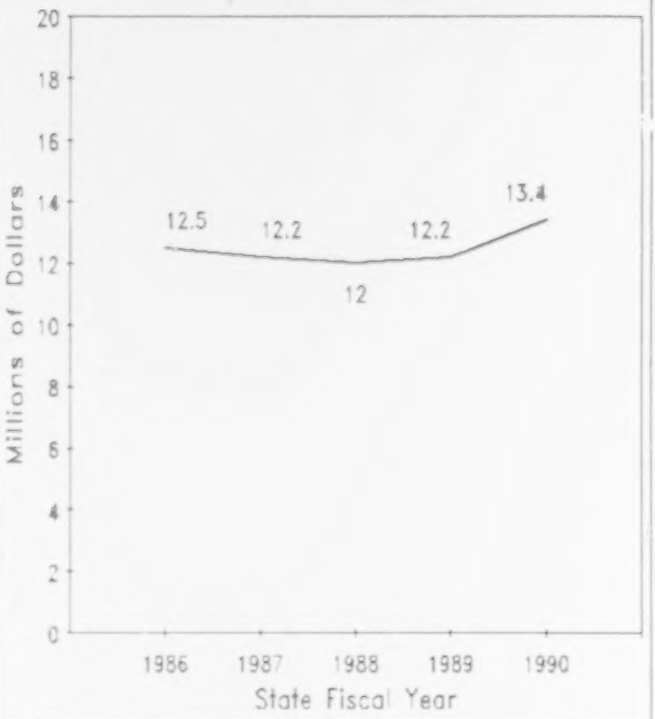

Figure 3

General Assistance Participation

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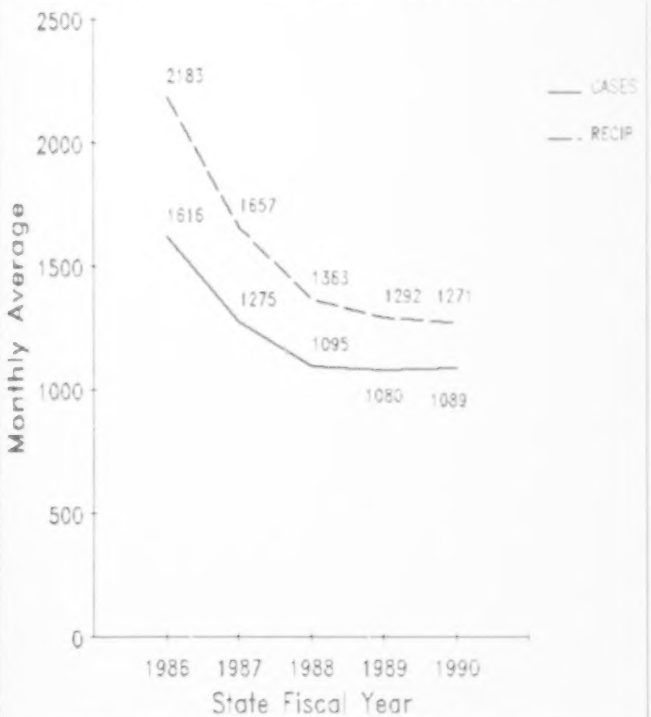

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General Assistance Expenditures

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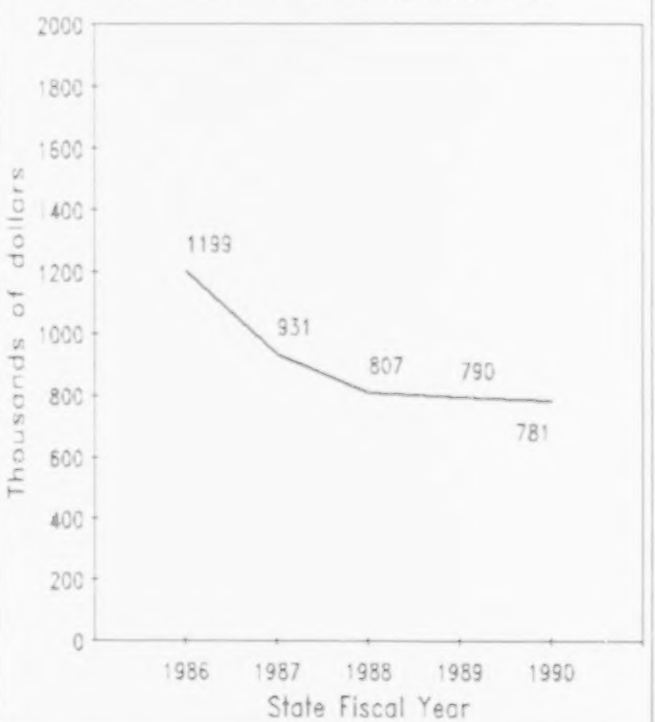

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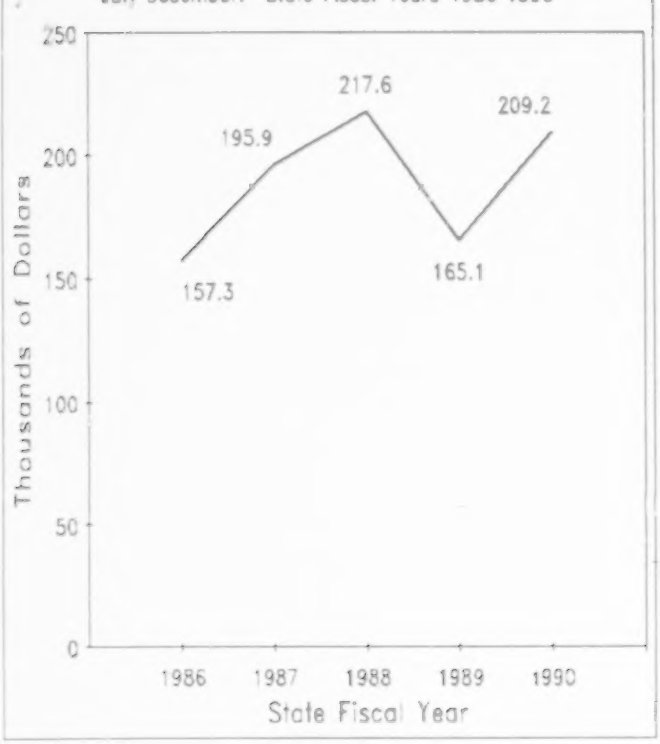
Emergency Assistance Expenditures

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1986-1990



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Emergency Assistance Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1986-1990

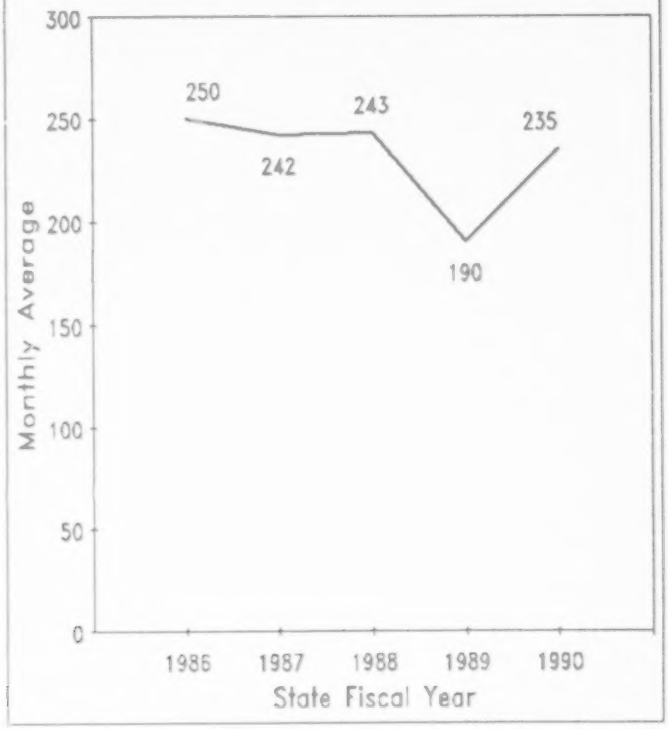

Figure 7

Food Stamp Participation

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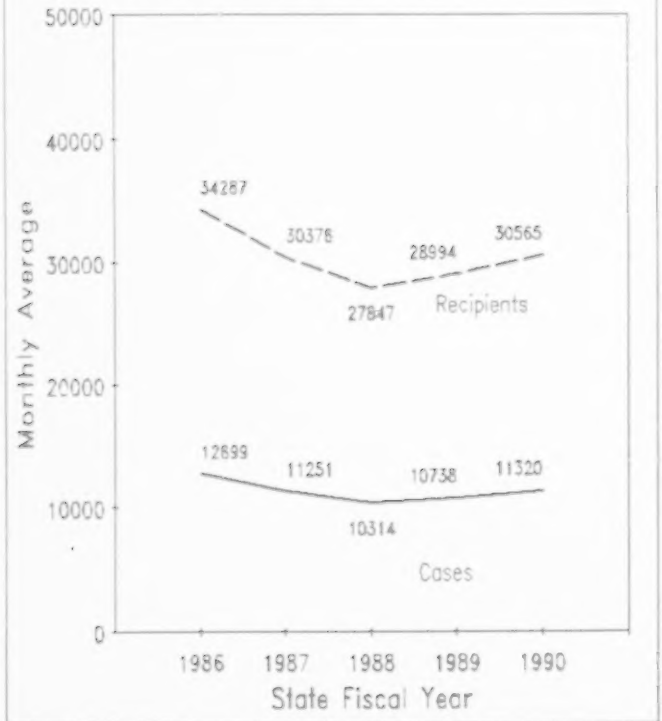

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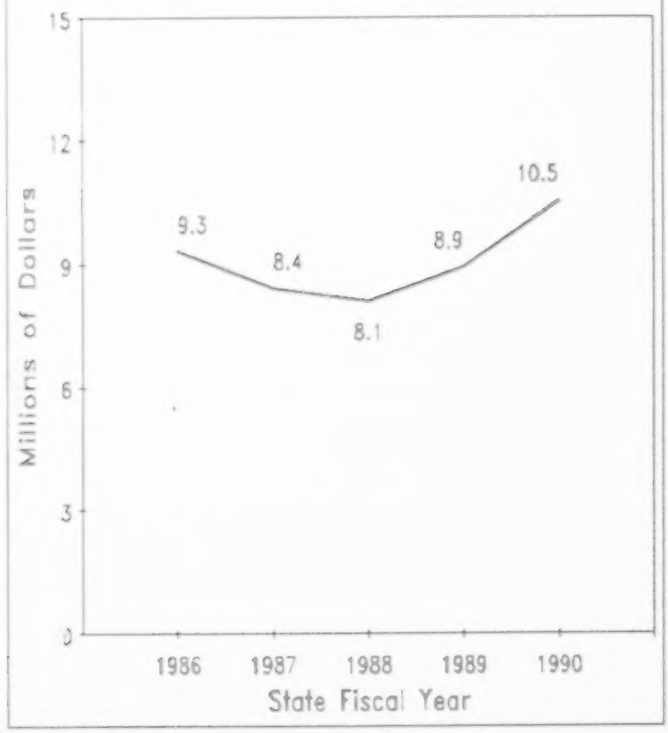

Figure 9

SSI State Supplementation Expenditures

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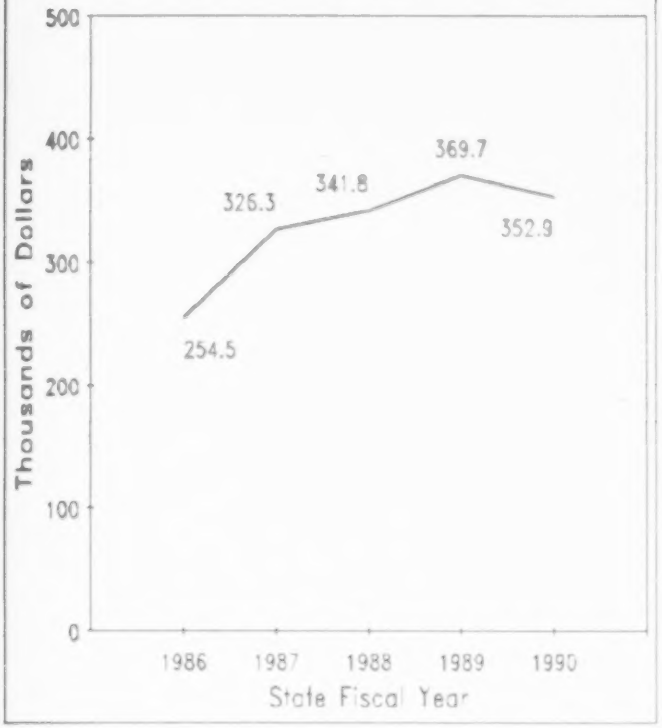

Figure 10

SSI State Supplementation Cases

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1986-1990